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Summary

The present report has been prepared in compliance with paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 61/292 and provides an update on the status of implementation by the Secretariat of General Assembly resolutions relating to the revitalization of its work, with a particular focus on the resolutions adopted by the Assembly at its fifty-eighth through sixty-first sessions.

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I. Introduction

1. In compliance with the requests of the General Assembly in its resolutions 58/316, 59/313 and 60/286 for a report of the Secretary-General on the implementation by the Secretariat of Assembly resolutions regarding the revitalization of the Assembly, a status report, including a factual chart, was submitted during the sixty-first session of the Assembly (see A/61/483).

2. At its sixty-first session, in resolution 61/292 entitled "Revitalizing the role and authority of the General Assembly and strengthening its performance", the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit, at its sixty-second session, an update to his report on the implementation of resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the Assembly, in particular resolutions 58/126, 58/316, 59/313, 60/286 and 61/292.

3. The present report and its annex have been prepared in compliance with that request and reflect developments since the issuance of the earlier report.

II. Update on the implementation of resolutions relating to the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

4. The authority and activity of the General Assembly have continued to gain through the follow-up process to the 2005 World Summit. In this regard, the Assembly adopted resolution 61/16 on the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council and continued to convene informal consultations, including on management reform, mandate review, the environment and Security Council reform. Revitalization of the Assembly itself, though an item on the agenda of the Assembly dating back many years, continues to be actively examined and pursued in this context.

5. In compliance with resolutions 58/126, 59/313 and 60/286, in which the Assembly, inter alia, encouraged the holding of thematic interactive debates on current issues of critical importance to the international community in the Assembly and invited the President of the General Assembly to propose themes for such interactive debates, in consultation with Member States, the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-first session convened four thematic debates, namely on "Partnerships towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals: taking stock, moving forward" (27 November 2006), "Promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women (6 and 7 March 2007), "Civilizations and the challenge for peace: obstacles and opportunities" (10 and 11 May 2007) and "climate change as a global challenge" (31 July and 1 August 2007).

6. Also during the sixty-first session, the General Committee, reflecting the role envisaged for it in numerous resolutions, namely, to play the leading role in advising the General Assembly on the efficient organization, coordination and management of its work, considered options for response in the case of an outbreak of an influenza pandemic. Accordingly, the President of the General Assembly convened a briefing by the United Nations Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Coordinator open to all Member States.

7. Regarding working methods, earlier improvements were built upon and reinforced, including the enhancement and regular updating of the websites of the

General Assembly and the Main Committees and the transmission of lessons learned from outgoing to incoming Chairmen. The Presidents of the General Assembly, the Security Council and the Economic and Social Council continued their periodic meetings, including to coordinate the work programme of those principal organs.

8. In addition, the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, whose issuance the Assembly requested in a consolidated version in all official languages in print and online, were made available during the sixty-first session, both on the United Nations website and in hard copy (A/520/Rev.16 and Corr.1).

9. In response to a request contained in paragraph 24 of the annex to General Assembly resolution 60/286, the Office of Legal Affairs concluded the process of compiling precedents and past practice with respect to the rules and practices of the intergovernmental bodies of the Organization that information will be made available in the public domain shortly.

10. Regarding the conduct of elections in the General Assembly, the Assembly, in its resolution 59/313, recommended consideration of the use of optical scanners as a means of expediting the counting of votes cast through secret ballots, taking due account of the security requirements in that regard and the credibility, reliability and confidentiality of such means, and requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the modalities thereof to the Assembly through the Committee on Conferences. Several options have now been examined and have been made available to Member States, in the form of a paper on revitalization, which was prepared by the Secretariat and submitted through the co-chairs in the course of the sixty-first session. The proposals contained therein are currently under consideration.

11. At the end of its sixtieth session, pursuant to resolution 60/286, the General Assembly decided to invite the President of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly to convene consultations among Member States to decide on the establishment of an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the Assembly, open to all Member States: to identify ways to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on relevant Assembly resolutions and reviewing the agenda and working methods of the Assembly, and to submit a report to the Assembly at its sixty-first session.

12. Following consultations at its sixty-first session, convened by the two facilitators who had been appointed by the President of the General Assembly at its sixty-first session, the Assembly adopted resolution 61/292, in which it decided to establish an ad hoc working group, open to all Member States, on the revitalization of the Assembly to evaluate and assess the status of implementation of relevant resolutions, to identify ways to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on previous resolutions, and to submit a report thereon to the Assembly.

13. During its sixty-second session, on 26 November 2007, the President of the General Assembly appointed two co-chairmen of the ad hoc working group, which will commence its work in the course of the session.

14. Regarding paragraph 7 of annex A of resolution 58/126, according to which the President-elect is to suggest an issue or issues of global concern upon which Member States will be invited to comment during the forthcoming general debate,

the President-elect of the General Assembly at its sixty-second session suggested the topic "Responding to climate change".

15. In respect of documentation, the Secretary-General continues to issue annual advance reports containing the status of documentation for the forthcoming sessions of the General Assembly, with a view to facilitating the work of Member States.

Annex

Updated factual chart on the implementation by the Secretariat of the relevant provisions of resolutions 58/126, 58/316, 59/313, 60/286 and 61/292 on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

A. Resolution 58/126

Annex A: Enhancing the authority and role of the General Assembly	Status of implementation
The work and decisions of the General Assembly should be better publicized. Accordingly, the support provided by the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat for these purposes should be intensified and strengthened. The Secretary-General is requested to present a plan to this end, within existing resources, to the next session of the Committee on Information, so that recommendations can be made to the Assembly (para. 8).	A plan was presented by the Secretary-General to the Committee on Information at its twenty-sixth session (see A/AC.198/2004/6; see also resolutions 59/126 B and 60/286, annex, para. 14).
Member States and the Secretariat should consider initiatives that might be taken for better monitoring of the follow-up of resolutions of the General Assembly, such as the provision of timely inputs for reports of the Secretary-General and giving effect to proposals that would advance the follow-up of major United Nations conferences and summits (para. 9).	Communications from the Secretary-General have been sent to Member Sates on an ongoing basis to ask for pertinent information.
The resources available to the Office of the President of the General Assembly in personnel and other support shall be augmented from within existing resources, bearing in mind the provisions of paragraph 22 of the annex to resolution 55/285. Five additional posts shall be made available to supplement current support, of which three shall be filled on an annual basis, following consultations with the incoming President, beginning at the fifty-ninth session of the Assembly (para. 10).	Implemented as of the fifty-ninth session.
Transitional office accommodation and other support shall be provided to the President-elect of the General Assembly. The Secretary-General is requested to make the necessary arrangements for the provision of such support, within existing resources, beginning with the President-elect of the fifty-ninth session of the Assembly (para. 11).	Beginning with the fifty-ninth session, transitional office space and other support have been provided to the Office of the President-elect.

Annex B: Improving the working methods of the General Assembly	Status of implementation
The work of the Main Committees of the General Assembly might benefit if it is scheduled over two substantive periods during the session. The rescheduling of the work of the Main Committees should not lead to additional costs, additional or longer meetings, or staggered work schedules of the Main Committees. With a view to enabling the Assembly to consider changes in this regard, with effect from the sixtieth session of the Assembly, the Secretary-General is requested to present, by 1 February 2004, various options for consideration by the General Committee, taking into account the requirements of the relevant intergovernmental bodies and the different locations of their meetings and the budget cycle (para. 2).	In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled "Options for the rescheduling of the Main Committees of the General Assembly" (A/58/CRP.3), which the Assembly considered at its fifty-eighth session.
With a view to better conceptualization of the content of the agenda of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General is requested to submit to the Assembly, for its consideration by 1 March 2004, an illustrative agenda of the Assembly, based on all the agenda items of the fifty-eighth session, organized around the priorities of the Organization for the period 2002-2005 (para. 4).[a]	In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled "Illustrative agenda of the General Assembly" (A/58/CRP.4), which the Assembly considered at its fifty-eighth session. Additionally, as noted in the reference below to resolution 58/316, annex, section B, para. 2 (b), from the fifty-ninth session onwards, the agenda of the General Assembly has been organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 and, subsequently, in accordance with the strategic frameworks for the periods 2006-2007 and 2008-2009, with an additional heading I, entitled "Organizational, administrative and other matters".

[a] For the priorities of the Organization for the period 2002-2005:
(a) Maintenance of international peace and security;
(b) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences;
(c) Development of Africa;
(d) Promotion of human rights;
(e) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts;
(f) Promotion of justice and international law;
(g) Disarmament;
(h) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, see paragraph 26 of the introduction to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (*Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/55/6/Rev.1)) adopted in resolution 55/234.

The heavy volume of documentation that is submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration should be reduced. In this regard, the Secretary-General is requested to continue his efforts to make proposals to Member States for the consolidation of reports on related subjects in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 20 of resolution 57/300. The proposals on a shorter agenda should be accompanied by related proposals for a reduction in the volume of documentation (para. 7).	See resolution 58/316, annex, section F. A number of reports, where appropriate, have been consolidated.
The Main Committees of the General Assembly are bound by the rules of procedure of the Assembly, although they have different practices and working methods. With a view to identifying best practices and working methods, and recognizing the ongoing efforts of the Main Committees to streamline their work, the Secretary-General, drawing on the experience of previous Chairmen of the Main Committees, is requested to submit a historical and analytical note on the practices and working methods of the Main Committees for the consideration of the General Committee by 1 April 2004 (para. 8).	In response to this request, the Secretariat circulated a note entitled "Historical and analytical note on the practices and working methods of the Main Committees" (A/58/CRP.5), which was considered by the General Committee in open-ended informal consultations (see resolution 58/316, annex, section C).

B. Resolution 58/316

Annex A: reordering the work of the General Assembly	**Status of implementation**
With effect from the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, the meetings of the plenary Assembly shall normally be held on Mondays and Thursdays (para. 1 (b)).	As of the fifty-ninth session, plenary meetings of the Assembly are scheduled and held on Mondays and Thursdays to the extent possible.
Annex, section B: organization of the agenda of the General Assembly	**Status of implementation**
Pursuant to paragraph 4 of section B of the annex to resolution 58/126, the agenda of the General Assembly shall be organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005[b] (or in the	From the fifty-ninth session onwards, the agenda of the General Assembly has been organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 and, subsequently, in accordance with the

[b] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6* (A/55/6/Rev.1)

strategic framework, as appropriate), with an additional heading for "Organizational, administrative and other matters" for the purpose of giving a sense of structures to the work of the Assembly, achieving a better presentation of the issues and challenges with which the Assembly deals and making the work of the Assembly more accessible, with the understanding that the new arrangement will not prejudge the way in which the work of the Assembly is organized and carried out (para. 2 (a)).	strategic frameworks for the periods 2006-2007 and 2008-2009, with an additional heading I, entitled "Organizational, administrative and other matters".
The headings of the agenda shall consequently be: (i) Maintenance of international peace and security; (ii) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences; (iii) Development of Africa; (iv) Promotion of human rights; (v) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts; (vi) Promotion of justice and international law; (vii) Disarmament; (viii) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations; (ix) Organizational, administrative and other matters (para. 2 (b)).	See also 2 (a) above.
Annex, section C: practices and working methods of the Main Committees	**Status of implementation**
Main Committees shall adopt a provisional programme of work at the end of the session for the next session to help them better to plan, prepare and organize and, in this context, review the related documentation requirements (para. 3 (b)).	Implemented as of the fifty-ninth session.[c]

[c] Information on the programme of work of the Fifth Committee is usually not available owing to the time frame of the Committee's work.

The websites of the Main Committees shall be enhanced and thereafter regularly updated and their content maintained by the secretariats of the Main Committees (para. 3 (c)).	**The websites of the Main Committees continue to be enhanced and regularly updated by the respective secretariats.**
Annex, section D: review of the agenda of the General Assembly	**Status of implementation**
Recalling section B, paragraph 5, of the annex to resolution 58/126, having reviewed the note by the Secretariat entitled "Analysis of the agenda of the General Assembly",[d] which provides factual information on the frequency of consideration, origin and history of action on the 333 items and sub-items on the agenda, taking into account the views expressed by Member States, and following consultations with concerned Member States, it is decided that:	**The provisions of this paragraph were implemented as of the fifty-ninth session and have been reflected in the agenda of each subsequent session.**
(a) The items entitled "Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development" and "Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields" shall be eliminated from the agenda;	
(b) The items entitled "Question of Cyprus", "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo", "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)", "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti", "Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non- proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security", "Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait" and "Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986" shall remain on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State;	
(c) The item entitled "Report of the Economic and Social Council" shall be considered in its entirety in plenary;	

[d] A/58/CRP.6.

(d) While remaining on the agenda of the plenary, the sub-item entitled "Sport for peace and development: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal" shall be considered every other year and the items entitled "Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin" and "Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion" shall be considered every three years;

(e) The item entitled "Information and communication technologies for development" and the sub-item entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions" shall be allocated for annual consideration in the Second Committee;

(f) The item entitled "Towards global partnerships" shall be allocated for consideration every other year in the Second Committee;

(g) The sub-item entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: participation of volunteers, 'White Helmets', in the activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development" shall be allocated for consideration every three years in the Second Committee;

(h) The item entitled "Global road safety crisis" shall be allocated for consideration every other year in the Third Committee;

(i) The item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples" shall be allocated for annual consideration in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee);

(j) The item entitled "Assistance in mine action" shall be allocated for consideration every other year in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee);

(k) The item entitled "University for Peace" shall be allocated for consideration every three years in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee);	
(l) Bearing in mind that the General Assembly decided in resolution 55/285 of 7 September 2001 to cluster all cooperation items under one item, to make individual cooperation items sub-items and to hold a joint debate for all sub-items, the Secretary-General shall submit a single consolidated report under the item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations" (para. 4).	
Annex, section E: General Committee	**Status of implementation**
In July of each year, the General Committee shall conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the General Assembly, on the basis of a report to be submitted by the Secretary-General, and submit recommendations on the matter to the forthcoming Assembly. The report of the Secretary-General shall include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session (para. 5 (d)).	In response to this request the Secretary-General has submitted reports at every session since, including the requested information on the status of documentation (see A/58/864, A/59/860, A/60/971 and A/61/1015 and their respective addenda).
Annex, section F: documentation	**Status of implementation**
In the light of its decision in section B, paragraph 7, of the annex to resolution 58/126 that the heavy volume of documentation that is submitted to the General Assembly for its consideration should be reduced, the Secretary-General is requested:	
To take the necessary action to initiate the implementation of the provisions of paragraph 20 of resolution 57/300 of 20 December 2002, in which the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to start, on a trial basis, a consultative process with the President of the General Assembly and the Chairmen of the Main Committees of the Assembly at the end of the main part of each session of the Assembly, with a view to consolidating reports on related subjects, if decided by the Main Committees (para. 6 (c)).	See resolution 60/286, annex, para. 29. A number of reports recommended by the Main Committees have been consolidated.

C. Resolution 59/313

President of the General Assembly	Status of implementation
(b) Augmenting the resources available to the Office of the President of the General Assembly from within existing resources, subject to consideration by the Assembly of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, to provide for two further additional posts at management and senior levels to be filled on an annual basis following consultations with the incoming President, beginning at the sixtieth session of the Assembly;	Implemented as of the sixtieth session. See resolution 58/126, annex A, para. 11.
(c) Making available to the President of the General Assembly adequate office and conference space with a view to enabling the President to carry out his/her functions in a manner commensurate with the dignity and stature of the Office;	Support by the Protocol Office to the Office of the President of the General Assembly has been further strengthened through closer coordination with the Office of the President on appointments and programmes of the President where protocol services are necessary, including also the social events hosted by the President.
(d) Requesting the Secretary-General to ensure that the President of the General Assembly is provided with proper protocol services at Headquarters and at other United Nations duty stations (para. 3).	

Agenda and working methods of the plenary Assembly and the Main Committees	Status of implementation
Requests the Secretary-General to provide the ad hoc working group with the necessary services (para. 6).	Action completed.
Strongly urges all officers presiding over meetings of the General Assembly to start such meetings on time (para. 11).	Periodically, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management provides presiding officers with statistics on the financial impact of the implementation of this provision.
Requests the Secretary-General to issue the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in a consolidated version in all official languages, in print and online (para. 14).	See status of implementation reference to resolution 60/286, annex, para. 24, below.
Recommends consideration of the use of optical scanners as a means of expediting the counting of votes cast through secret ballots during elections, taking due account of the security requirements in this regard and the credibility, reliability and confidentiality of such means, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the modalities thereof to the General Assembly through the Committee on Conferences (para. 15).	See status of implementation reference to resolution 60/286, annex, para. 28, below.

Documentation	Status of implementation
Requests the Secretary-General to implement further the measures set out in paragraph 20 of resolution 57/300 of 20 December 2002 on the consolidation of reports and in paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 58/316 on documentation (para. 16).	See status of implementation reference to resolution 60/286, annex, para. 29, below.
Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that documentation and reports are issued well in advance, in keeping with the six-week rule for the issuance of documentation simultaneously in all official languages, as set out in resolution 49/221 B of 23 December 1994 and in resolution 59/309 of 22 June 2005 on multilingualism (para. 18).	In response to this request, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management has entered into a compact with the Secretary-General which provides for zero tolerance of late submission of documents.
Also requests the Secretary-General to submit a status report to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session on the implementation of all resolutions regarding the revitalization of its work, including resolutions 58/126 of 19 December 2003 and 58/316 and the present resolution (para. 19).	This report has been submitted at the sixty-first session pursuant also to resolution 60/286, annex, para. 30. The present report is the update to that report, as requested by the General Assembly in resolution 61/292, para. 1.

D. Resolution 60/286

Cluster I. Role and authority of the General Assembly	Status of implementation
Requests the Secretary-General to continue to make the necessary arrangements for the provision of transitional office accommodation and other support to the President-elect of the General Assembly, in accordance with resolution 58/126 (para. 11).	See status of implementation reference to resolution 59/313, President of the General Assembly, para. 3 (c), above.
Requests the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with countries concerned and with the relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to continue to take appropriate measures to enhance world public awareness of the work of the General Assembly (para. 14).	The Department of Public Information continues to implement its communications strategy to publicize the work and decisions of the General Assembly approved by the Assembly in its resolutions 59/126 B, 60/109 B and 61/121 B.

Urges the Secretariat to continue its endeavours to raise the visibility of the General Assembly and, to that end, requests the rearrangement of items in the *Journal of the United Nations* so that listings of plenary meetings and other major events of the General Assembly may appear alongside those of the meetings of the Security Council (para. 15).	Implemented as of the sixty-first session.
Encourages the Presidents of the General Assembly to increase their public visibility, including through enhanced contacts with representatives of the media and civil society, thus promoting the activities of the General Assembly, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue the practice of providing to the Office of the President of the General Assembly a Spokesperson for the President of the Assembly and an assistant to the Spokesperson (para. 16).	Implementation is ongoing. As of the sixtieth session, for example, the Presidents of the General Assembly, together with the Chairmen of the Main Committees, have periodically briefed representatives of civil society on the programme of work of the Assembly at its current sessions.
Cluster III. Working methods	**Status of implementation**
Requests the Secretary-General to issue the rules of procedure of the General Assembly in a consolidated version in all official languages, in print and online, and requests the Office of Legal Affairs to make precedents and past practice available in the public domain with respect to rules and practices of the intergovernmental bodies of the Organization (para. 24).	The consolidated version of the rules of procedure is set out in document A/520/Rev.16 and Corr.1, both in print and online. The Office of Legal Affairs has concluded the process of compiling precedents and past practice with respect to the rules and practices of the intergovernmental bodies of the Organization. That information will be made available in the public domain shortly.
Requests an update on its recommendation, in paragraph 15 of its resolution 59/313, regarding consideration of the use of optical scanners as a means of expediting the counting of votes cast through secret ballots during elections, taking due account of the security requirements in this regard and the credibility, reliability and confidentiality of such means, and requests the Secretary-General to report on the modalities thereof to the General Assembly (para. 28).	Several options, taking into account the security requirements and the credibility, reliability and confidentiality of such means, have now been examined and have been made available to Member States in the form of a paper on revitalization which was prepared by the Secretariat and submitted to the Member States by the co-chairs in the course of the sixty-first session. The proposals contained therein are currently under consideration.
Requests the Secretary-General to implement further the measures set out in paragraph 20 of resolution 57/300 of 20 December 2002 on the consolidation of reports and in paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 58/316 on documentation (para. 29).	Since the adoption of this resolution, a number of reports, where appropriate, have been consolidated.

Recalls paragraph 19 of its resolution 59/313 and requests the Secretary-General to submit a status report with a factual chart to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session on the implementation of all resolutions regarding the revitalization of its work, including resolutions 58/126, 58/316 and 59/313, and the present resolution (para. 30).	The report was issued as document A/61/483. The present report is the update to it, as requested by the General Assembly in resolution 61/292, para. 1.
Decides to invite the President of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly to convene consultations among Member States to decide on the establishment of an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the Assembly, open to all Member States: to identify ways to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on relevant Assembly resolutions and reviewing the agenda and working methods of the Assembly, and to submit a report to the Assembly at its sixty-first session (para. 31).	The President of the General Assembly at its sixty-first session appointed two facilitators to convene consultations and subsequently submitted a report on the views expressed by Member States. As a result of the consultations, the General Assembly adopted resolution 61/292, in which, in paragraph 2, it decided to establish, at its sixty-second session, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the Assembly, open to all Member States, to evaluate and assess the status of implementation of relevant resolutions, to identify ways to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness, and efficiency of the Assembly.

E. Resolution 61/292 of 2 August 2007

Requests the Secretary-General to submit, at its sixty-second session, an update to his report[e] on the implementation of resolutions on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, in particular resolutions 58/126, 58/316, 59/313, 60/286 and the present resolution (para. 1).	Implemented by the present report.
Decides to establish, at its sixty-second session, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the General Assembly, open to all Member States, to evaluate and assess the status of implementation of relevant resolutions, to identify ways to further enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on previous resolutions, and to submit a report thereon to the Assembly (para. 2).	The President of the General Assembly at its sixty-second session appointed two co-chairs of the ad hoc working group, which will commence its work in the course of the sixty-second session.

[e] A/61/483.